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SUBJ: FIRST HEARING OF DEFENDANTS IN FEB 16 CAMPSITE RAID

CASE

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1. SUMMARY. IN HEARING MARCH 7 OF TEN USAF AIRMEN ARRESTED IN FEB 16 CAMPSITE HASHISH RAID CONOFF AND FSL HEARD DEFENDANTS CHARGE IN OPEN COURT THAT CONFESSIONS HAD BEEN OBTAINED BY BEATINGS AND THREATS OF TURKISH POLICE IN PRESENCE OF USAF SECURITY POLICE. USAF SECURITY POLICE CALLED AS WITNESSES FOR NEXT HEARING SET APRIL 4. END SUMMARY.
2. THREE HOUR HEARING IN CROWDED ERDEMLI COURTROOM WAS

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ATTENDED BY DEFENDANTS AARON, BROOMSFIELD, LARK, MCKINLEY, PEREIRA, ROWE, SPENCER, AND TOAL TAKEN FROM ERDEMLI JAIL JOINED BY DEFENDANTS BLACK AND ROTHERMEL PREVIOUSLY RELEASED. ALSO PRESENT WERE JAG TRAIL OBSERVER PLUS TWO USAF LIEUTENANT COLONELS, ONE COLONEL, TWO USAF TRANSLATORS, TURKISH DEFENSE ATTORNEYS MENZILETOGLU AND KAVRAR, AP CORRESPONDENT AND PHOTOGRAPHER, CREW OF CAMERAMEN FROM TURK HABER AJANSI (TURKISH NEWS AGENCY), CONOFF AND FSL.

3. FOUR TURKISH POLICEMEN INVOLVED IN ARREST AND INTERROGATION OF DEFENDANTS WERE QUESTION BY COURT, AS WAS USAF TRANSLATOR

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MUHTAR GUCUM ALSO PRESENT AT INITIAL INTERROGATION OF DEFENDANTS.

POLICE AND GUCUM DENIED THAT DEFENDANTS HAS BEEN BEATEN.
STATEMENT OF PHYSICIAN WHO HAD EXAMINED DEFENDANTS AFTER
INTERROGATION READ IN COURT DECLARED THAT NO EVIDENCE OF BEATING
HAD BEEN FOUND.

4. ALL DEFENDANTS STATED THAT BEATINGS AND THREATS HAD BEEN
USED BY POLICE IN OBTAINING CONFESSIONS. AFTER DENYING THAT
HE HAD EVEN BEEN EXAMINED BY A PHYSICIAN, PEREIRA VOCAL IN
REGARD VIVIDLY DESCRIBING BEATING HE ALLEGEDLY GIVEN BY POLICE
IN OBTAINING HIS CONFESSION. PEREIRA STATED THAT USAF

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SECURITY POLICE SGT. AND ASSISTANT HAD WITNESSED BEATING OF
USAF AIRMEN AND HAD AIDED EXTRACTION OF CONFESSIONS BY THEIR
WORDS AND PRESENCE.

5. LARK AND BROOMSFIELD ADMITTED THAT THEY HAD HASHISH IN
THEIR POSSESSION AT TIME OF ARREST. PEREIRA STEADLY DENIED
THAT HE HAD HASHISH IN HIS POSSESSION OR HAD USED HASHISH
STATING THAT HASHISH ONLY IN SHIRT, NOT HIS, HE HAD PICKED
UP IN CONFUSION OF ARREST. ALL OTHER DEFENDANTS DENIED
SMOKING HASHISH AT CAMPSITE AND CONTENTED CONFESSIONS
EXTRACTED BY BEATINGS AND THREATS.

6. THREE OTHER TURKISH POLICEMEN, USAF SECURITY POLICE SGT.
AND ASSISTANT, AND ANOTHER TRANSLATOR SAID TO HAVE BEEN
PRESENT AT INTERROGATION CALLED AS WITNESSES FOR NEXT HEARING.

7. EIGHT DEFENDANTS PRESENTLY IN ERDEMLI JAIL HELD FOR NEXT
HEARING. TWO DEFENDANTS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED ORDERED TO APPEAR
AT THAT TIME. NEXT HEARING SET FOR APRIL 4.

8. IN SEPARATE ACTION, ICEL PROVINCE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR HAS
GIVEN INDICTMENT IN CASE OF LEWIS BIANCO CHARGING HIM UNDER
BOTH ARTICLES 403/3 AND 403/4 TURKISH PENAL CODE.

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